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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER APPEAL**Via Facsimile 571-273-3763**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's telephonic response of July 24, 2006 to the Appeal Brief filed on June 19, 2006, please review the proposed amendments to the claims in the above-identified application.

Proposed Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the Proposed Amendment.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 6 of the Proposed Amendment.

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